

**GAS COMPANY'S  
PLANT A MENACE**

Oil Tanks on Riverfront in  
Heart of City Imperil Life  
and Property.

**INCREASE INSURANCE RATE**

Recognized as Grave Source of Risk  
by Fire Underwriters—Hlum-  
nant Now Produced a  
Dangerous Explosive.

Maintaining two huge oil tanks on the waterfront, in the very heart of the city, the Portland Gas company menaces life and property, causes high insurance rates for neighboring properties and befools the river with its oily effluents.

The tanks are at the gas-generating plant at the foot of Everett street, and they match the highest tanks of the Standard Oil Company on the East Side, against which the public often has vented its hostility. One holds 200 barrels of oil, or 118,000 gallons; the other, 500 barrels, or 2,900,000 gallons.

The oil is used for manufacture of what is called "water gas," the kind which is burned all over the city, and for which consumers pay \$1.5 a thousand and the first five days of each month, and \$1.40 thereafter, though the Oregonian is informed by reliable authorities in San Francisco and Seattle that the gas can be supplied at a profit for 50 cents a thousand.

The gas is heavily charged with sulphur, but not only because the air runs up the meter for the enrichment of the stock-watered company, but also because the company otherwise would not be able to supply the demand for gas.

**Water Gas Full of Dangers.**

"Water gas" is very dangerous as an explosive, especially when the proportions of air and gas are not just right. Several weeks ago a very heavy explosion occurred at the gas plant, endangering the lives of the employees, who by a miracle escaped, and threatening the surrounding property. This explosion has demonstrated, despite the denial of the company, that the gas plant is a menace to the waterfront, but the danger is multiplied by the presence of the oil tanks, which, in case of conflagration, might explode, spreading death and destruction, beyond all human power to check.

This danger is understood by none so well as the fire underwriters, who have put up insurance rates on property facing the river before the plant. The company declares that the city is at risk as if the tanks were outside the municipal limits, because they are partly buried and encased in brick, but the fire underwriters, who know what such talk is worth, see the danger, and have put up their rates to meet the risk.

**Another Menace to Life.**

The Gas Company is erecting another menace to life and property and health at First and Flinders, adjoining its plant, where it is building a big gas-holder, which will still further depress values of neighboring property, add to the cost of insurance and cause people to shy off as from a plague spot.

These nuisances the City Council has power to abate, for by some unaccountable and good fortune the franchise of the company stipulates that "whenever, on account of the growth of the city, the site (for the plant) shall be decided by said city authorities improper or unsuitable, it shall be competent for the city to order the removal of the same at the expense of said Zieber (the grantee), his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns."

The City Council therefore has power to order the company to move the gas plant from its present location at the expense of the company.

**REUNION OF MASONS TODAY**

Day Will Be Devoted to Initiation  
and Degree Work.

The 12th semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite Temple will convene at 9 o'clock this morning, when the candidates for initiation will assemble at the secretary's office for registration. In order that there will be no delay experienced in starting the work, it is absolutely necessary that all candidates be at the cathedral one-half hour before the time set for the commencement of the work.

Today's programme will commence with the initiative work in the fourth, fifth and sixth degrees, starting promptly at 10 A. M. At 2 P. M. the 14th degree—Prince Eliu—will occupy the attention of the meeting, and the day's work will be concluded with the 25th degree—Knights of the East—at 5 P. M.

Friday's programme will be inaugurated at 9 A. M., with work in the 18th degree—Knights of the Rose Croix—and the 21st, or Prusick Knight degree, will hold forth at 11 A. M. The 26th degree—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew—at 2 P. M.; the 29th degree—Knight Kadash—at 3 P. M.; and the 33rd degree—Master of Royal Secret—at 5 P. M., will conclude the programme.

The reception committee for the two days' reunion is made up of Irving W. Pratt, General T. M. Anderson, C. A. Dolph and John P. Caples.

**HAS NEW LEASE ON LIFE**

Canadian Society of Oregon Votes to  
Continue Existence.

The Canadian Society of Oregon took a new lease on life at the annual meeting in Elks' Hall of the Marquam building last night. The organization had held no previous meetings for several months, and like many of the state organizations which were formed purposely to serve in entertaining visitors at the Fair, was thought to have passed out of existence. Many of the members had advocated letting the society lapse, but at the meeting last night the tide turned, and it was unanimously decided to hold monthly sessions hereafter for the purpose of promoting the welfare of all residents of Portland who claim Canada as their birthplace or former home.

After an interesting programme of recitations and music furnished by the Oregon Conservatory of Music, the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Dr. A. J. Mackenzie, president; L. A. Martin, first vice-president; W. R. Mackenzie, second vice-president; Dr. W. T. Williams, treasurer, and M. Fort, secretary.

**Puts Burglar to Flight.**  
Mrs. J. Sanders, living at 129 Grand avenue, yesterday morning put a telephone burglar to flight. The telephone in the hall on second floor, and the intruder was discovered by the little son of Mrs. Sanders, who called to his mother that there was a burglar in

the house. Mrs. Sanders was not daunted, and running out in the hall undertook to seize and hold the thief, but he broke away and started down the stairway. Mrs. Sanders ordered him to stop, an order which he did not obey, but went plunging downward as rapidly as possible. Seizing a pitcher of water Mrs. Sanders threw it after the retreating form of the thief, striking him on the back and knocking him down the remainder of the stairway. She followed this up with a gas lamp, but this missed, and the fellow escaped into the street.

**ON MISSIONARY METHODS**

Young People's Institute Will Hold  
First Conference Today.

The Young People's Missionary Institute, which will open this morning at the First Congregational Church, will be the first of a series planned for Pacific Coast cities. The institute is an international one, and was started four years ago in the East. There will be two day conferences or sessions not open to the general public. The 200 delegates appointed by various churches, Sunday schools and missionary and other societies to attend, will be admitted by card. Several of the evening sessions will be public and devoted to the promotion of the cause of the world's missionaries.

The executive committee is composed of the secretaries of 15 denominational missionary boards. It is the medium for cooperation and conference in promoting interest and effectiveness in the missionary activity of young people.

The executive committee is composed of Reno Hutchinson, chairman; Theodore Fessler, secretary; R. R. Steele, treasurer; Rev. L. M. Booser, Miss Clara L. Webb, Rev. D. A. Thompson, J. A. Beckwood, Miss Julia Hatch and Miss Constance McCorkle. Robert Livingston is chairman of the finance committee, and Miss Julia Hatch, chairman of the membership committee.

The advisory committee consists of Rev. Edgar P. Hill, Rev. E. L. House, Rev. J. Whitcomb Broucher, Rev. F. Burgette Short, Rev. E. S. Muckley and Rev. George B. Van Waters.

**YOUNG REPUBLICANS MEET**

Elect New Officers and Arrange for  
Annual Lincoln Day Observance.

The Young Men's Republican Club held its biennial meeting at the headquarters of the organization in the Columbia Building last evening, at which it elected a new set of officers and appointed a committee to assist the Republican Club in the arrangements for the Lincoln Day commemoration.

A large number of candidates were initiated into the organization, after which the election of officers for the ensuing term was held. The following were chosen: Charles E. Lockwood, president; S. C. Beach, vice-president-at-large; Leslie Scott, secretary; E. O. Heynen, assistant secretary; and Ralph W. Hoyt, treasurer. The following were chosen vice-presidents for their respective wards: First Ward, R. E. Preston; Second Ward, Alonzo W. Allen; Third Ward, Morris Dunne; Fourth Ward, George S. Shepherd; Fifth Ward, Dr. Emmett Drake; Sixth Ward, W. A. Viggett; Seventh Ward, Marion R. Johnson; Eighth Ward, Frank S. Bennett; Ninth Ward, John B. Coffey, and Tenth Ward, M. R. Fitch.

Allen R. Joy, R. A. Preston, H. C. Smith, Dr. Emmett Drake and Colonel C. U. Gantenben were chosen as a committee to assist the Regular Republican Club in the arrangements for the joint banquet and commemorative celebration of Lincoln's birthday, February 12.

**NEW BAPTIST PASTOR HERE**

Rev. L. Nathan Sweet Comes as As-  
sistant to Dr. Broucher.

Rev. L. Nathan Sweet, of Rochester, N. Y., arrived in Portland last night, to become assistant pastor in the First Baptist Church. Rev. J. Whitcomb Broucher, the pastor, has increased the membership of the White Temple to such an extent that an assistant became a necessity, so a call was extended to Mr. Sweet and accepted by him. He is a young man, and comes highly recommended by the theologians of the Baptist University at Rochester, of which institution he is a graduate. Mr. Sweet has held a pastorate at Brockport since his graduation, and was most successful in his work there. The trustees and congregation of the White Temple feel that they are going to be much pleased with him, and Dr. Broucher will welcome his assistance, as his work has been very heavy of late.

A committee met the new assistant pastor at the train last night. Mr. Sweet is accompanied by his wife and two small children. At present they are located at the Roycecast.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Mrs. Amelia Smith announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Dora Smith, of Portland, to George Huntoon, Jr., of Moline, Ill., which will take place January 25, at the Auditorium Annex, Chicago.

Major A. M. Palmer, of the Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A., has relieved Captain Jessie M. Baker of the duties of disbursing officer in this city, and with Mrs. Palmer is at the Hill Hotel for the winter. Major Palmer has been on duty in the Philippines, having charge of the division of land transportation there until transferred to this post.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The following Oregon people are registered at Chicago hotels: Grace-G. W. Pitts and wife, Salem; Palmer-D. Allerton, Portland; Great Northern-G. M. Brown, Baker City.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The following Portland people registered at New York hotels: H. C. Garin at the Spalding; F. L. Parker at the St. Denis; E. F. Casse at the Imperial.

**SPECIALS TODAY.**

Samplings ladies' muslin drawers, gowns, skirts and corset covers, knit underwear and hosiery, flannel gowns, skirts, corset sets; men's Mt. Hood shirts and gowns and men's underwear, less than half regular prices. McAllen & McDonnell, corner Third and Morrison.

**PERFECTION AT LAST.**

Cash register and automatic change-maker. No more mistakes. Agents wanted throughout state. Bailey Change Maker, 84 Marquam building, city.

**The Meier & Frank Store**

12 1/2c TO 25c COTTON SUITINGS 6 1/4c YD.

We place on sale in the main aisle, near elevators, today, a special lot of 3000 yards heavy-weight cotton Suitings, plain and mixed colorings; very best styles selling at 12 1/2c, 15c and 25c the yard; your choice while they last at yard. 6 1/4c

**The Meier & Frank Store**

5000 CAKES FAIRY SOAP AT 3c CAKE  
Extra special for today—5000 cakes of Fairy Soap—the best bath and toilet soap on the market at the price. "It floats." "Have you a little Fairy in your home?" Supply your wants for many months at this low price of 3c a cake; dozen cakes 35c

**The Meier & Frank Store**

SOUVENIR SPOONS AT ONE-HALF PRICE  
Choose from our entire stock of Portland, Oregon, and Lewis and Clark Fair Souvenir Spoons at one-half regular price. Very prettiest styles in many sizes and grades, all at..... ONE-HALF PRICE  
Entire stock of Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Fancy Pins, Brooches, Bracelets, Lockets, etc., at low prices.

**2500 Yards of Suiting Silks**  
85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 Values at 39c a Yard

2500 yards of good styles in Shirtwaist Suit Silks go on sale this morning at a ridiculously low price—Neat designs in all the best colorings and combinations—Stripes, figures and changeable effects—A clean-up of all broken lines—Regular 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 silks—Buy all you want today at the low price of, yard 39c

Anticipate your Summer needs  
2000 yards of plain Taffeta Silks in a broken assortment of colors; 85c, \$1 quality, yd. 39c  
Special lot of 44-inch Silk Grenadines for waists, skirts and dresses; black, pink, white and light blue; the \$1.50 quality on sale, yard 59c  
All-wool colored Dress Goods; 20 patterns; 50c quality, at the low price of, yard 25c  
Special lot of fancy Black Goods, values up to \$1.00 for the low price of, yard 49c  
\$1.00 and \$1.25 Colored Dress Goods, in the best styles for the low price of, yard 49c  
All our White Wool Materials at low clearance sale prices.

**Great Values in the Basement Store**

\$ 7.50 Chaffing Dishes.....\$5.63	50c Sugar Spoons.....30c	3-pc. Water Sets, \$12 value—Per set.....\$5.00
\$ 4.50 Chaffing Dishes.....\$4.28	60c Sugar Spoons.....48c	14.00 Cake Stands for.....\$2.20
\$ 4.00 Chaffing Dishes.....\$3.75	85c Jelly Spoons.....67c	Bon-Bon Dishes, \$3 val.....\$2.40
\$16.00 Chaffing Dishes.....\$7.50	\$2.50 Dessertspoons, set.....\$1.00	\$5.00 Fern Dishes.....\$4.00
\$12.50 Chaffing Dishes.....\$9.28	\$3.00 Tablespoons, set.....\$2.37	\$2.50 Fruit Baskets for.....\$4.50
\$ 7.50 Coffee Machines.....\$5.63	\$2.50 Medium Forks, set.....\$2.37	\$3.00 Bread Trays for.....\$2.50
\$ 8.50 Coffee Machines.....\$6.38	\$2.50 Dessert Forks, set.....\$2.00	\$4.99 values for, each.....\$3.20
\$ 2.00 Coffee Machines.....\$6.75	\$15.00 Sets for.....\$12.00	11 1/2 Baking Dishes, ea.....\$2.20
\$10.00 Coffee Machines.....\$7.50	\$26.50 Sets for.....\$21.20	Odd lots of Sterling Silver pieces, sugar spoons, pickle forks, bon-bon spoons, etc., \$1 value.....\$1.75
5 o'Clock Teas at \$2.12, \$1.12, 2.12	\$30.00 Sets for.....\$24.00	
12c Cream Ladies.....50c	4-pc. Coffee Sets, \$12 value—Per set.....\$9.00	
\$1.00 Cream Ladies.....82c		

**Clearance Sale of Men's Suits**  
Values \$20-\$25 at \$14.65

Hundreds of Men's High-Grade, Ready-to-Wear Suits on sale at a price far below value—The best product of such celebrated makers as Stein-Bloch Co., Hart, Schaffner & Marx and the Washington Co. All desirable styles and materials in single or double breasted coats—This season's most stylish garments selling at \$20, \$22.50 and \$25, your choice while they last \$14.65 at exceptionally low price of \$14.65

Entire stock Men's Suits at clearance prices  
Men's Overcoats and Raincoats at low prices  
Men's Fancy Vests at greatly reduced prices  
Second Floor



**Sheet Music Sale**  
17c Copy, 3 for 50c

"Shade of the Old Apple Tree."  
"My Irish Mollie O."  
"Will the Angels Let Me Play!"  
"Soldier's Dream."  
"Would You Care?"  
"The Multnomah Two-Step."  
"Nobody."  
"Colonial Girl Two-Step" and many others. With each 50c purchase we will give free two sheets of regular 25c publications. Sheet music. Department now located in the Toy Department on Third Floor. Mail orders promptly filled.

**Oilcloth Stove Rugs**

500 oilcloth Stove Rugs, neat designs and colorings, suitable for placing under stoves, in front of ranges, and all places subjected to extra-hard wear—Third Floor.  
45x45 inch 63c 54x54 inch 83c

Entire stock of Linoleums and Table Oilcloths on sale at clearance prices.  
All Carpets and Rugs at the lowest clearance sale prices—Third Floor.  
Complete stock of Grills for archways; also corners and pedestals—all grades.

**\$15 Lingerie Waists \$5.45**  
500 of Them---Beautiful Styles



A marvelous offering of high-grade Lingerie Waists for today, tomorrow and Saturday. Through special arrangements with a prominent Eastern manufacturer we are enabled to place on sale the daintiest 1906 waists at a third their value—He needed cash, we supplied him; his loss, your gain—Waists are the newest and most attractive styles for dress and evening wear—Hand-embroidered and round mesh val. lace trimmed, pin tucks, long or short sleeves, button back, trimmed sleeves, pretty cuffs, etc. All sizes—Waists that find ready sale at \$12.50 to \$15 each. Your choice while they last at \$5.45

Lingerie Waists up to \$75.00 each at Clearance Sale Prices  
Silk Waists from \$3.50 to \$100.00 each at Clearance Sale Prices  
All our handsome Imported Waists at Clearance Sale Prices

**Men's \$1.00 and \$1.50 Ties 59c**

There was lively selling of Men's Fine Neckwear in the Furnishings Goods Section all day yesterday. Sold more high-grade ties than ever before in a single day—good reason for it. Men's four-in-hands and large English squares of the finest imported and domestic silks, splendid designs and colorings; regular \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values are being cleaned up at the unusually low price of, each 59c

**Men's Shirts**  
39c Each

Special lot of 500 men's soft-bosom Shirts, in oxfords and madras, light and dark colorings, attached or detached cuffs, all sizes; values up to \$1.00 each at the exceedingly low price of, each 39c

**Clearance Sale Boys' Clothing**

Economical parents are interested in the exceptionally low prices prevailing on Boys' Apparel of every description—Second Floor

Little boys' Overcoats in tans, reds, brown or gray mixtures; ages 2 1/2 to 8 years; this season's best style; \$8.50 to \$10 values, \$6.59  
Boys' all-wool Two-piece Suits, dark gray and brown mixtures; ages 9 to 16 years; the best \$5.00 values in stock, on sale at, suit \$3.65  
Little boys' Russian Blouse Suits; ages 2 1/2 to 6 years; all the best styles and materials; regular \$7 and \$7.85 values for \$5.35  
Entire stock of boys' Suits at clearance prices.  
Entire stock boys' Overcoats at clearance prices.  
Young men's blue cheviot Suits; low prices: \$6.00 values.....\$4.35 7.50 values.....\$5.65  
10.00 values for.....\$6.65  
Young men's Suits in fancy chevionts, tweeds and mixtures, single-breasted coats; ages 15 to 20 years; regular \$12.50 to \$15.00 values for \$9.95



**Portieres, Vals, to \$4.50 Pr. 98c**

The Portiere sale attracted scores of eager buyers yesterday. We've added about 100 to the lot for those who come today; made of double-faced tapestry in solid colors and two-tone effects; also Oriental colorings; fringed top and bottom; many of them are suitable for couch covers; values up to \$4.50 a pair at this low price of each 98c  
Golden oak and mahogany Indian Stools; \$1.75 values.....98c  
\$3.00 double-faced Tapestry Table Covers, for, each.....\$2.38  
\$50.00 Cable Net Lace Curtains on sale for, each.....\$3.19  
\$6.50 Marie Antoinette Lace Curtains on sale for, each.....\$4.95

**1000 Pairs Women's Fine Shoes**  
\$3, \$3.50, \$4 Values \$2.25 Pr.



Best opportunity of the Clearance Sale to buy Women's fine shoes at a saving  
All the newest styles and most desirable leathers in all sizes and widths at a price far below manufacturing cost—Patent colt lace or blucher style, light or heavy sole; vici kid blucher and lace style, light and heavy sole; patent leather button shoes, welt sole; patent colt blucher shoes, welt sole, regular or new low college cut—Footwear of standard quality selling regularly at  
\$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 a pair on sale at the low price \$2.25 of, pair (Mail Orders Promptly Filled)

**Ribbons at Clearance Sale Prices**

3000 yards of all-silk Dresden Ribbons in beautiful styles and great assortment, 7 to 8 inches wide; regular \$1.15 and \$1.50 values on sale at the yd.....69c
Immense lot of Satin Merveilleux, Roman striped Satin Brocades, Moires, pin stripes and small checked ribbons; 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 values on sale at the yd.....15c
4000 yards of Print-Warp Ribbons and Dolly Varden Ribbons, 5 to 7 inches wide, all silk; values from 50c to 70c the yard, on sale at the low price of, yard.....33c
3000 yards of all-silk Taffeta and Satin Taffeta Ribbons, full 3 inches wide, extra heavy quality, all the newest and most popular shades; best 50c values.....21c
1500 yards of hand-embroidered Ribbons, polka dots on all-silk satin, chiffon and taffeta Ribbons; red, pink, blue, white, green, brown and navy; large and small dots; regular 50c and 60c values on sale at the yd.....25c
Special lot of all-silk Tab Ribbons, hand-embroidered designs, Roman stripes, plaids, Dreads, polka dots and shaded effects; Nos. 9 and 12, 50c and 40c val.....12c